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SPOKEN WORDS Contemporary poets, music and the blend of the two offer a look at the state of the poetic arts around town. KXLU 88.9 FM, Mon., 11 p.m.-mid.
AMERICAN INDIAN AIRWAVES Examines American Indian civil rights, as well as featuring music, interviews and poetry. KPFK 90.7 FM, Tues., 3:30-4 p.m.
SPOKEN WORDS David U. hosts a program in which your favorite underground artists sermonize, verbalize and engage in various forms of oral communication. KXLU 88.9 FM, Tues., 11 p.m.
THE HEALTH CONNECTION A live interview and listener phone-in show concerning issues of modern holistic health and preventive medicine. KCRW 89.9 FM, Wed., 12:30-1:30 p.m.
ACCENT ON WOMEN An interview program that probes the world of the working woman and examines social images of women. KCSN 88.5 FM, Wed., 5:30-6 p.m.
THE MS. BIZ Magazine-format program for the woman who wants to get ahead and the man who wants to keep up. Interviews and current events to inform and amuse the upscale working woman. KFOX 93.5 FM, Thurs., 8 a.m.

—Brent Wilcox

Political/ Social Action

PHYLLIS BENNIS, *Frontline* journalist, discusses the U.S. and Israel's shrinking options in the Middle East at a forum presented by *Frontline* newspaper. Newman Center, 4665 Willowbrook Ave.; Fri., March 21, 7:30 p.m.; $3. Call (213) 931-3007.
MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ON THE AGING features workshops, talks, panel recommendations to the mayor and an awards ceremony. USC Bovard Auditorium; Sat., March 22, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Workshops require prior registration; opening remarks, 8:30-10 a.m.; closing presentation, 2:30-4 p.m., open to the public. Call (213) 485-4402.
THE INSANITY OF STAR WARS is discussed by Theodore Forrestor, who worked on the atom bomb during WWII and now chairs the Concerned Faculty at UCLA. Sponsored by Socially Responsible Singles. Westwood YWCA, 10936 Santa Monica Blvd., Wstwd.; Sat., March 22, 7:30 p.m.; $3. Call (213) 398-4141.
TOXIC WASTE AND THE LAW USC's fifth annual environmental law symposium gathers representatives of the legal, corporate, governmental, academic and scientific sectors to discuss dangerous debris disposal. USC Law Center, USC; Sat., March 22, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; $80, $10 students (includes lunch). Call (213) 743-0187.
MAZIZI KUNENE OF THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS discusses women's rights around the world at a screening of *Women in Nicaragua: The Second Revolution*. Sponsored by the Militant/Perspectiva Mundial Forum. 2546 W. Pico Blvd.; Sat., March 22, 7:30 p.m.; $3. Call (213) 380-9460.
IS REVOLUTION POSSIBLE IN THE U.S.? The Young Socialist Alliance discusses workers and unions at the second of five classes. 2546 W. Pico Blvd.; Sat., March 22, 3 p.m.; free. Call (213) 380-9460.
EL RESCATE BENEFIT Damn Yankees, Darius and the Magnets, Dogs of War, East of Eden, Francis X and the Bushmen, Guns and Roses, Jet Boy, Lions and Ghosts, the Que, the Stingrays, and Walking Wounded sound off at a concert for El Rescate, an organization that provides legal aid and emergency food and shelter to refugees and those who have been arrested by the Immigration and Naturalization Service. The Music Machine, 12220 W. Pico Blvd., W.L.A.; Sun., March 23, 8 p.m.; $5. Call (213) 387-3294.
DESTINATION NICARAGUA, a documentary of experiences of U.S. citizen fact-finding groups and peace delegates in the beleaguered Central American country, is premiered at a benefit to distribute the film. A reception with the filmmakers and guests, including Susan Anspach, Ed Asner, Diane Ladd and many others, is hosted by John Stockwell, ex-CIA agent and author. Directors Guild of America, 7950 Sunset Blvd.; Tues., March 25, 8 p.m.; $25. Call (213) 390-9858.
HALE CHAMPION, dean of Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, discusses the privatization of public services, the shift toward federalism and changes in services to families and children, at the second annual John C. Bollens lecture. Schoenberg Hall Auditorium, UCLA; Tues., March 25, 7:30 p.m.; free. Call (213) 974-3333 or 825-5567.
COMING OUT AT THE WORKPLACE is discussed at a panel hosted by the L.A. Advertising Communications Network, a group of gays and lesbians in advertising, marketing and communications. Michel's Entourage, 8430 W. Third St.; Tues., March 25, 8 p.m.; $5. Call (213) 669-5265.

—Maude Lynn

Women's Events

WHOLISTIC HEALTH FOR WOMEN, a feminist health project providing a drugless self-help approach to well-woman health care, celebrates new location at 8235 Santa Monica Blvd., Ste. 201, W. Hlywd.; Fri., March 21, 5-8 p.m. Call (213) 650-1508.
LOSS OF LOVE, a workshop for women only on grieving over the loss of a loved one through death, divorce or separation, facilitated by Sheila Gross, Ph.D. Los Angeles Women's Therapy Center, 728 S. La Brea, Ste. 200; Fri., March 21, 7:30 p.m. Call (213) 935-9889.
WOMEN WRITERS WEST holds its seventh annual writers conference with workshops on mystery writing, screen writing, poetry, children's literature, article writing and writing the "how-to" book. Veteran's Memorial Building, 4117 Overland Ave., Culver City; Sat., March 22, 9:15 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; $20 members, $25 non-members. Call Rita White at (213) 657-0108 or 452-5676.
ACUPUNCTURE & NUTRITION: Partners in Solving Gynecological Problems, a workshop on how to use acupressure and dietary change to work with PMS, menstrual cramps, insomnia, headaches, etc. Connexxus Women's Center, 9054 Santa Monica Blvd., W. Hlywd.; Sat., March 22, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; $10. Call (213) 859-3960.
SEMINAR TO HELP WOMEN prepare for the aging process, facilitated by Dr. Fanya Carter, a psychologist. Villa Marina, 13999 Marquesas Way, Marina del Rey; Sat.-Sun., March 22-23. Call (818) 357-6232.
BENEFIT CONCERT for the Santa Monica League of Women Voters features duets by violinist Harris Goldman and pianist Carolyn Brown. Santa Monica College Music Auditorium, 1900 Pico Blvd., S.M.; Sun., March 23, 4 p.m.; $15 for three-part series or $7 at the door. Call (213) 394-4661 or 393-2037.
WOMEN IN THEATER presents a personal/creative journal-writing workshop facilitated by Reva Solomon. 1250A Hollywood Way, Burbank. Sun., March 23, 2-4 p.m. Call (818) 840-9338.
ROLFING WORKSHOP discusses how Rolfing, a type of deep tissue manipulation that realigns the body with gravity, can help postural and structural problems and discomforts. Wholistic Health for Women, 8235 Santa Monica Blvd., Ste. 201, W. Hlywd.; Tues., March 25, 7 p.m.; free. Call (213) 650-1508.
WORKSHOP FOR LESBIANS considering parenting discusses parenting options such as donor insemination, foster parenting, adoption and co-parenting. Wholistic Health for Women, 8235 Santa Monica Blvd., Ste. 201, W. Hlywd.; Wed., March 26, 7 p.m.; $5. Call (213) 650-1508.
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH EXHIBIT co-sponsored by the Woman's Building and the Los Angeles City Commission on the Status of Women. City Hall Rotunda, 200 N. Spring St.; thru March 29, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
LEADS CLUB, W. Hlywd. chapter, meets every Tues., 12:30 p.m. at a restaurant on La Cienega Blvd. to exchange business referrals and give presentations on individual professions. Call Marion Simms at (213) 659-6309 or 874-0567.

—Jennifer Pratt

Events

PHOTOGRAPHIC PERFECTION through the synchronicity of details is discussed by top photographers Rob Gage, Greg Heisler, Chuck Kuhn and Chuck O'Rear at a seminar presented by the Southern California chapter of the American Society of Magazine Photographers. Long Beach Convention Center, 300 E. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach; Fri., March 21, 1-3 p.m. Call (213) 937-4163.
HALLEY'S COMET is here, and so is a planetarium showing about its appearance. El Camino College planetarium, 16007 Crenshaw Blvd., Torrance; Fri., March 21, 8 p.m.; $1, 50 cents children. Call (213) 532-3670.
SPORTS DINNER AND AUCTION to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association honors artist LeRoy Neiman with a lifetime achievement award and offers at silent auction such goodies as a surfing lesson with Shaun Thomson, a "one-on-one" with Cheryl Miller, James Worthy's autographed basketball shoe, Mary Lou Retton's warmup jacket, ski vacations and much more. Sheraton Premiere Hotel, Universal City; Fri., March 21, 6:30 p.m.; $50. Call (213) 387-5157.
CASINO NIGHT to benefit the Theater Exchange involves gaming for raffle tickets, with a chance of winning trips to Las Vegas, Catalina, San Diego, Disneyland, and more. Van Nuys Women's Club, 14836 Sylvan St., Van Nuys; Sat., March 22, 7 p.m.-midnight; $15. Call (818) 981-6082 for reservations.
GLAMOUR AND ADVERTISING are celebrated at an evening for L.A. photographers with live entertainment, live video, dancing, drinks and hors d'oeuvres. Park Plaza Hotel, 607 S. Park View St.; Sat., March 22, 7:30 p.m.; $30. Call (213) 935-7283.
SPECIAL GAMES for physically and mentally handicapped participants has parade, torch lighting and 10 Olympic-style events. Loyola Marymount University, Loyola Blvd. and W. 80th St.; Sat., March 22, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; free. Call (213) 642-3335.
CHOICES '86, an alcohol and drug awareness rally, features Shadoe Stevens and Social Distortion, plus door prizes and T-shirts. Santa Monica High School Greek Theater, 601 Pico Blvd., S.M.; Sat., March 22, 2-4:30 p.m.; free. Call (213) 450-5123.
MOVIE MEMORABILIA is available at this show and sale of posters, lobby cards, magazines, records, etc. Pasadena Center, 300 E. Green St., Pasadena; Sun., March 23, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; $3. Call (213) 650-7883.
FASHION AND ART SHOW to benefit the Intercultural Foundation features fashions by Melissa Craig and art from around the world. Beverly Plaza Hotel, 8384 W. Third St.; Sun., March 23, 12:30-4:30 p.m. Call (213) 277-4150.
FESTIVAL OF INDIA, in conjunction with the Year of India, 1985-86, and the Pasadena Centennial celebration, features a bazaar offering a variety of authentic Indian food; folk dance and music events; sari-wearing demonstrations; and more. Pacific Asia Museum, 46 N. Los Robles Ave., Pasadena; Sun., March 23, 2-7 p.m.; $5, children free. Call (818) 449-2742.
WELLER COURT CIRCUS features trampoline and trapeze acts, clowns and whip-crackers, a pillow bounce for young children, a goldfish scooping contest and an eating contest featuring Japanese food, all to benefit the Japanese Retirement Home Development Fund. Weller Court (off First St.), Little Tokyo; Sun., March 23, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; free. Call (213) 485-1177.
SELF-HELP GROUPS interface with professional therapists at a conference sponsored by the California Self-Help Center and the National Association of Social Workers. UCLA, Ackerman Student Union, 2nd fl.; Thurs., March 27, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; $30. Call (213) 825-7990/825-1799.

—Maude Lynn

Readings

CHARLES HALLAHAN presents "an evening with an Irish storyteller (a Shanachie called Barney Sweeney)." Midnight Special Bookstore, 1350 Santa Monica Mall, S.M.; Fri., March 21, 7 p.m. Call (213) 393-2923.
MICHAEL FRIEDMAN, New York poet, reads; our own ***LINDA ALBERTANO*** reads and performs. Beyond Baroque Literary/Arts Center, 681 Venice Blvd., Venice; Fri., March 21, 8:30 p.m.; $5, $3 members. Call (213) 822-3006.
BILLI GORDON, model/author, autographs his cookbook, *You've Had Worse Things in Your Mouth*. A Different Light, 4014 Santa Monica Blvd.; Sat., March 22, 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Call (213) 668-0629.
AN EVENING OF READINGS in conjunction with LACE's "TV Generations" exhibit includes Kathe Burkhart, Amy Gerstler, Richard Meltzer, Jack Skelley, Jeffrey Vallance, Benjamin Weissman and others. LACE, 1804 Industrial St., dwntwn.; Mon., March 24, 8 p.m.; $5, $4 members. Call (213) 624-5650.
NEW PLAY READING SERIES, presented by L.A. Theater Works, features Dare Clubb's *Flash Floods*, "the story of a man who is introduced to the wife of the man who killed his wife." 681 Venice Blvd., Venice; Tues., March 25, 8 p.m. Call (213) 827-0808.
MIND-BOGGLING POETRY from Denise Laurencot, Keith Morris of the Circle Jerks, Thelonious Monster's Bob Forrest, and John Huck. Be Bop Records & Fine Art, 18433 Sherman Way, Reseda; Tues., March 25, 8 p.m.; $4. Call (818) 881-1654.
LIVE POETRY AT GORKY'S John Thomas and Philomen Long let us know "how two top poets live together and keep writing." 536 E. Eighth St., dwntwn.; Wed., March 26, 9:30 p.m.; free, but donations welcome. (213) 627-4060.
ANTI-CLUB READINGS This week: Deen, Mark Addy and Gronk. 4658 Melrose Ave.; Thurs., March 27. Call (213) 934-8150.

—Sharon Bell

Poetry

The Art of Life

Jaya and Vijaya are "human
sponges." One of them

gained three lbs.
simply by taking a bath,

both have been advised by their doctors
not to go out in a fog.

A third episode was
reportedly

a twenty-pound gain in weight
during an illness in which

one of them ate and drank
nothing, all within one day.

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